

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Smith.

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SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Vard Johnson. I'm sorry, I did not hear you, Senator Smith. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. Shall debate cease? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Shall debate close? Record, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Smith, would you care to close?

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you. It's been very well explained to you. The purpose of our amendment is...and both Stephanie and I believe that we need to do something for these ADC mothers with children. What we're saying is that we want to make sure that it's funded. We already have the 293 because of the cap that was set, the limit that is already there in the law, that is presently there, and this amount was funded through 1041. But we also want to ensure that we could have enough support on this floor, quite honestly, that we get Brad Ashford's amendment because we both see this as a marvelous concept, something that really needs to be done, something that really needs to be addressed as far as how we provide, if you want to call it that, welfare assistance to families. But we want to provide them with incentives to get out of the system, not incentives to stay in the system and because that is a self-defeating proposition. And for this reason we offer this amendment. Now we want you to remember that Brad Ashford's amendment is not touched by what we do. What we're doing is simply saying retain the ceiling at 293 which has been funded by the appropriation so that there is already an increase in place, not as much as probably we'd like to see. Many of us in here would like to see more, but there are enough other people who probably don't want to see that increase. We're trying to ensure that Brad Ashford's idea has a chance to work and we want to support it at the level that's already been funded which is additional funding to those ADC mothers and their children. We would ask you to support our